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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS ATKINSON TO JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING COMMITTEE

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Graham H. Atkinson** of Siloam to the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee of the Governor's Crime Commission.

Atkinson is the sheriff of Surry County. He is a member of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association and the North Carolina Narcotics Officers' Association. Atkinson was named the 1999 N.C. Veterans of Foreign Wars Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and the 2000 N.C. Jaycees 1 of 5 Outstanding Public Servants. Atkinson earned his Bachelor's degree in social science from Gardner-Webb University.

The committee advises the state board on administering juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grants from the U.S. Department of Justice. The committee has 25 members, each serving a two-year term. The governor appoints all 25 members.

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